

# **2010 LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The following 2010 Legislative Report provides a comprehensive analysis of the impacts of the Maryland General Assembly's actions related to environmental issues and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The report includes pertinent details on the fiscal year 2011 operating and capital budgets (Senate Bill 140 and Senate Bill 142), the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2010 (BRFA – Senate Bill 141), excerpts from the Joint Chairmen's Report (JCR), summaries of enacted legislation, and a listing of unsuccessful bills. The legislation section of the report is divided among four categories: 1) Administration – enacted bills drafted and introduced on behalf of the Governor; 2) DNR Departmental – enacted bills drafted and introduced on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources; 3) Environmental – enacted bills related to natural resources, environmental, energy, and agricultural resources; and 4) State and Local Government – enacted legislation pertaining to state agencies, local governments, personnel, and procurement. Throughout the report, legislation is ordered by Senate bill number and any corresponding crossfile first, then House bill number.

A total of 2,700 pieces of legislation were introduced during the 2010 session of the Maryland General Assembly. Approximately 30% of those bills (810) successfully passed in both chambers. DNR's Legislative Office tracked at total of 470 bills during the 2010 session.

The Department successfully progressed legislation that improves boating safety by:

- ✓ requiring individuals under the age of 13 to wear a personal flotation device while aboard a vessel underway and requiring vessel operators younger than age 16 to possess a certificate of boating safety education under certain conditions (Senate Bill 92);
- ✓ enabling law enforcement officers to compel impairment testing for vehicle accidents where the driver is operating under the influence (Senate Bill 475); and
- ✓ ensuring the removal of abandoned or derelict vessels occurs in a timelier manner (<u>House Bill 527</u>).

The Department successfully progressed legislation that improves fisheries management and law enforcement by:

- ✓ authorizing the Department to suspend an individual's privilege to utilize a tidal fish license if they commit a serious violation of state or federal commercial fisheries law (House Bill 98);
- ✓ authorizing the Department to develop fishery management plans for species in need (<u>Senate Bill</u> <u>29</u>); and
- ✓ improving recreational fishing data, maintaining fisheries management funding from recreational licenses, and eliminating the need for saltwater anglers to register with the federal government (House Bill 1345).

The Department successfully progressed legislation that protects and improves forestlands by:

- ✓ allowing Maryland to leverage federal funds to provide greater incentives for landowners to establish forests or improve the health and existing productivity of existing forests through the Woodlands Incentive Program (Senate Bill 69); and
- helping to protect landowners and the environment from the negative impacts of illegal timber harvest activities by updating the law governing forest products operators (House Bill 356).

The Department also supported several bills which increased waterfowl, deer, and turkey hunting opportunities in certain counties around the State.

Budget challenges dominated the 2010 legislative session. The Governor and General Assembly closed the fiscal 2011 gap by constraining budget growth and implementing one-time fund transfers. The General Assembly enacted a \$32 billion budget for fiscal 2011 – a decrease of \$0.3 billion, or -1.0%, below fiscal 2010 spending levels. Overall general fund appropriations decreased by \$286.3 million, or -2.1%, below fiscal 2010. Federal stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 continued to serve a critical role in balancing both the fiscal 2010 and 2011 State budgets. The proportion of Maryland's budget supported by federal funds totaled close to 30% of all spending. Prior to fiscal 2010, federal dollars typically supported about 22% of total spending. The BRFA also helped balance the State's fiscal year 2011 budget through fund balance transfers, use of special funds in lieu of general funds, formula changes, and other provisions.

Once again, a number of budget reduction provisions, commonly referred to as "back of the budget" provisions, affected all state agencies. With respect to personnel, the budget assumes up to ten furlough days, temporary salary reductions, no salary increases, no merit pay, and no deferred compensation match for fiscal year 2011. Legislative action abolished 568 regular positions, made the deferred compensation match discretionary instead of mandatory, and called for study of pension and post-retirement benefits. The budget also directed reduced expenditures on electricity due to anticipated energy-saving actions and renovations in State buildings.

The State's capital budget totals \$3.062 billion, a decrease of \$443 million, or -12.6%, compared to the fiscal 2010 working appropriation. Of the total amount, \$1.14 billion is funded with general obligation (GO) bonds authorized in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010; \$4.543 million is funded with Qualified Zone Academy Bonds authorized in Senate Bill 202; \$224.6 million is funded on a pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) basis in the operating budget; \$150 million is funded with revenue bonds to be issued by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to support wastewater treatment plant upgrades; and \$27 million is funded with academic revenue bonds for the University System of Maryland facilities authorized in Senate Bill 897. Once again, the capital budget includes funding for House and Senate initiatives originally introduced as individual bond bills.

I hope that you find the 2010 Legislative Report informative and useful. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Department's Legislative Office at 410-260-8107. Our shared success in advancing the Department's mission to protect and restore Maryland's natural resources during the 2010 legislative session would not have been possible without the hard work of the many DNR employees who provided critical assistance and expertise. The support and cooperation of the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, Office of the Attorney General, Unit Directors, and in particular, the legislative and fiscal contacts within the Units all help to successfully further the Department's legislative and budget goals. I would especially like to recognize Vicky Overbeck for her many years of work in the Legislative Office on behalf of the Department. I am also grateful for the ongoing invaluable insights and guidance from Emily Wilson, the Department's previous Director of Government Relations.

For detailed information on legislation and issues related to the Maryland General Assembly, visit their website at <a href="www.mlis.state.md.us">www.mlis.state.md.us</a>.

Olivia Campbell Andersen Director of Government Relations Maryland Department of Natural Resources

# **OPERATING BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The Department of Natural Resources' fiscal year 2011 operating budget appropriation totals \$230 million. A number of budget cuts recommended by the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) were not approved by the budget committees. Consequentially, DNR maintained funding for the Maryland Environmental Trust, Fisheries Service, Civic Justice Corps, Rural Legacy Program, and Program Open Space.

As a result of committee narrative and budget amendments contained in the Joint Chairmen's Report, the Department must submit reports related to mineral extraction on land preserved through Rural Legacy conservation easements, furbearer management, deer hunting in Southern Maryland, and water quality. DNR and the Department of Budget & Management must submit reports on Chesapeake Bay restoration expenditures and two-year milestone funding with the fiscal 2012 budget submission and annually thereafter prior to each agency being able to spend \$500,000 in general funds. In addition to those reports required of DNR, examples of other reports of interest include requiring:

- the Maryland Energy Administration and Maryland Department of Agriculture to report on recommendations to allow easement holders to implement solar or wind energy projects by December 1, 2010; and
- the Department of State Police to conduct a review of all helicopter maintenance options (2009 report requirement deadline extended to October 1, 2010).

The <u>Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2010</u> (Senate Bill 141 / House Bill 151) contained several items affecting DNR's budget. The BRFA reduced the motor fuel and short-term vehicle rental taxes directed to the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund by \$22,101,428 and transferred that amount to the general fund for fiscal year 2010. \$9.5 million of the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund expenditures may only be used for cover crops. Additionally, the BRFA authorizes the following amounts to be transferred from their respective special funds to the general fund beginning June 30, 2010:

- \$155,000,000 of the unexpended balance in the Bay Restoration Fund (MDE)\*;
- \$13,509,450 from the Waterway Improvement Fund\*;
- \$3,401,000 of the unexpended balance in the Ocean Beach Replenishment Fund\*;
- \$2,500,000 from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund;
- \$1,500,000 from the Land Trust Grant Fund;
- \$305,481 of the funds in the Shore Erosion Control Construction Loan Fund;
- \$103,113,000 of the unexpended balance of the funds for the local share of Program Open Space\*;
- \$22,700,000 of the unexpended balance of the funds for Program Open Space Capital Development\*;
- \$9,026,496 of the unexpended balance of the funds for State land acquisition under Program Open Space\*;
- \$10,635,000 of the unexpended balance from the Rural Legacy Program\*;
- \$10,000,000 of the unexpended balance from the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MDA)\*; and

• \$2,058,000 of the unexpended balance of the funds for Program Open Space Capital Development – Ocean City Beach Replenishment\*.

The BRFA authorizes the following amounts to be transferred from their respective special funds to the general fund beginning June 30, 2011:

- \$45,000,000 from the Bay Restoration Fund (MDE)\*;
- \$3,934,000 from the Waterway Improvement Fund\*; and
- \$54,038,405 from Program Open Space (includes state-side acquisitions, local-side POS, Rural Legacy Program, POS Capital Improvements, and MALPF)\*.

While the cash in these funds were transferred to the general fund to assist with the overall budget deficit, funding for the special funds with an \* notation above was generally maintained through bonds in fiscal year 2011 and 2012.

The BRFA also directs that, for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, net interest on all State money in the following special funds be transferred to the general fund (unless inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, other federal requirement, or the terms of a gift or settlement agreement):

- State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund;
- Fisheries Management and Protection Fund;
- Ocean Beach Replenishment Fund;
- Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund (MDE);
- Maryland Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (MDE);
- Bay Restoration Fund (MDE);
- Migratory Game Bird Fund;
- Deer Stamp Fund;
- Wildlife Habitat Incentive Fund;
- Fisheries Research and Development Fund; and
- Strategic Energy Investment Fund (MEA/MDE).

The BRFA also authorized that the \$788 be transferred from the Waterway Improvement Fund to the general fund to support the Central Business Licensing Project. The BRFA also repealed Natural Resources Article § 10-301(m) which required an amount from every hunting license sold to be used exclusively for planning food or cover for game birds and mammals. The BRFA authorized furlough's or temporary salary reductions for State employees serving within the Executive Branch for fiscal year 2011.

Pertinent excerpts from the Joint Chairman's Report are included below.

### K-DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

### K00A03.01 Wildlife and Heritage Service

A budget amendment added the following language:

It is the intent of the General Assembly that DNR evaluate potential deer hunting opportunities on public lands managed by DNR in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties in order to

minimize deer-related crop damage impacts on agricultural lands and maintain a local deer population appropriate for the natural environment.

#### Committee Narratives

Future of Maryland's Furbearer Management Program: DNR has a game management program, which lost a furbearer biologist position in the November 18, 2009 Board of Public Works actions. Given this position reduction and a reduction in associated funding, the committees are concerned about the future State oversight and management of Maryland's furbearer populations and the attendant impact of furbearer species on the integrity of natural resources, public and private property assets, and human health. Therefore, the committees request a report by DNR and the Maryland Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Foundation, assessing the future of Maryland's furbearer management program by (1) developing alternative funding policies for helping to underwrite the State's oversight and management responsibility; and (2) recommending the unit within the Executive Branch of State government best capable of fulfilling this responsibility. The report should be submitted to the committees by December 1, 2010.

Report on Promulgation of Deer Hunting Regulations: The committees are concerned that regulated hunting remains the most cost-effective deer population control mechanism available and yet in some areas hunter access to woods and openings where white-tailed deer thrive is limited. As a result there is an escalation of deer populations in suburban areas which can lead to a greater number of negative interactions with suburban residents such as deer-vehicle collisions and vegetation damage. Therefore, DNR shall submit by January 1, 2011, a report on any regulations promulgated by January 1, 2011, concerning deer hunting in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties as follows:

- allow individuals to hunt deer on private property from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January of the following year;
- allow individuals to hunt deer with a shotgun on private property during the months of September and October; and
- create a deer management permit that DNR may not require to be renewed more than once every three years.

# Land Acquisition & Planning

A budget amendment reduced appropriations under: K00A05.10 **Outdoor Recreation Land Loan** 

This action reduces the Outdoor Recreation Land Loan special fund appropriation by \$42,223,608 to reflect a \$42,221,000 general obligation bond authorization in the capital budget when the 2011 session pre-authorizations of \$5,006,500 for Program Open Space – State Acquisition and \$6,318,500 for Rural Legacy are included. The reduction is allocated as follows: Program Open Space – State Acquisition (\$13,082,995), Program Open Space – Local Share (\$12,352,843), Program Open Space – Capital Improvements (\$4,150,000), and Rural Legacy (\$12,637,770).

### K00A14.02 Watershed Services

The following language was added to the special fund appropriation:

Provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$22,101,428 contingent on enactment of SB 141 or HB 151 that contains a provision to allocate **Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund** revenue to the General Fund.

Further provided that \$9,520,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of reducing non-point source nutrient loading to the Chesapeake Bay, may not be expended for that purpose in the Department of Natural Resources' budget but instead may be transferred by budget amendment to the Maryland Department of Agriculture's program L00A15.04 Resource Conservation Grants to be used only for planting cover crops. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be cancelled.

Explanation: This action reduces Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund expenditures from \$42.1 million to \$20 million contingent on the enactment of a provision in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2010 transferring \$22.1 million in revenue to the general fund. In addition, this action restricts \$9.5 million of the remaining \$20 million to cover crops in the Maryland Department of Agriculture. The remaining \$10.5 million may be used for other non-point source nutrient loading reduction programs benefiting the Chesapeake Bay.

### Committee Narrative

Historical Chesapeake Bay Stream Water Quality Monitoring Report: While the streams inside Maryland have been assessed in terms of nutrient and sediment loading, the nutrient and sediment loading at locations outside of Maryland for streams that enter Maryland and empty into the Chesapeake Bay has not been assessed. Therefore, the committees request a report on annual water quality conditions based on numerical results and a relative scale for nutrient and sediment loading or concentrations for streams that both originate outside of Maryland and originate inside of Maryland and that empty into a Maryland tributary of the Chesapeake Bay. The data is to be provided for monitoring locations both inside, and if available, outside of Maryland. The report is requested for each of calendar years 1999 through 2009 and is to be submitted to the committees by December 1, 2010.

# OTHER ITEMS OF DNR INTEREST IN THE JOINT CHAIRMEN'S REPORT – OPERATING SECTION

### D13A - EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

A budget amendment added the following language under:
D13A13.07 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs, All Other Sectors

Provided that \$1,000,000 of this appropriation from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) or the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF) made for the purpose of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs, All Other Sectors, may not be expended for that purpose but instead may only be used to provide a grant to the Maryland Clean Energy Center, of which \$500,000 may be used for the implementation of a residential consumer energy education program that includes information related to clean energy and energy efficiency and conservation with the remainder to be used to assist local governments to develop and implement energy efficiency and conservation projects using funding received through the ARRA or SEIF. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be cancelled.

#### Committee Narrative

Plan to Address Long-term Funding Needs: The committees are concerned about the impact that federal climate change legislation or federal cap and trade legislation would have on programs funded through the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF), especially if federal legislation would prohibit Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) carbon dioxide emission allowance auctions. The committees request that the Maryland Energy Administration, in conjunction with the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Department of General Services, the Department of Human Resources, and the Department of Housing and Community Development, develop a plan to address the funding needs of programs currently supported through SEIF in the event that RGGI auctions are prohibited. The plan should also address the impact on these programs if the funding allocation returns to the allocation from Chapters 127 and 128 of 2008 or remains under the allocation from Chapter 487 of 2009 beginning on July 1, 2012. It is the intent of the committees that the allocation of SEIF return to the allocation from Chapters 127 and 128 of 2008 beginning in either fiscal 2013 or 2014.

<u>Information Request</u>
Plan to address long-term funding needs

Author

MEA

Due Date

November 1, 2010

### F10 - DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

#### Committee Narratives

F10A01.04 Division of Procurement Policy and Administration

Costs and Benefits of Synthetic Motor Oil: The committees are concerned that the State vehicle fleet may not be maximizing savings in cases where synthetic motor oil may be an effective alternative to petroleum-based motor oil. DBM is requested to prepare a report on the costs and benefits, including environmental benefits, of using synthetic motor oil vs. petroleum-

based motor oil; the vehicles for which synthetic oil is appropriate and cost-effective; and the experience to date of agencies which use synthetic oil. The report should also include ways that DBM or the Department of General Services can encourage agency use of synthetic oil when appropriate and any recommended statutory changes to facilitate the procurement of synthetic oil made in the U.S.A. The report shall be submitted by October 1, 2010.

F10A02.08 Statewide Expenses

Controls on Employee Compensation: Given the fiscal outlook for the State in fiscal 2012 and beyond, it is the intent of the committees that in preparing the fiscal 2012 budget, the Governor shall take all necessary measures to constrain employee compensation with the goal of limiting the amount appropriated for regular and contractual employee salaries and wages to an amount not exceeding that allowed for fiscal 2011. Nothing in this statement of intent shall interfere with the collective bargaining process as currently specified in statute.

### H-DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

A budget amendment added the following language to the general fund appropriation under: H00G01.01 Facilities Planning, Design and Construction

Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of facilities planning, design, and construction may not be expended until DGS submits a report to the budget committees outlining a proposal to fund critical maintenance projects. The report shall include a proposal to add a square foot assessment charge for critical maintenance to the current annual square footage rent calculation for each State-owned facility beginning in fiscal 2012. For critical maintenance projects, the proposal shall include a rental rate that would generate:

- (1) \$10,000,000 annually to address ongoing critical maintenance and backlog needs;
- (2) \$541,000 annually to restore the DGS assessment team; and
- (3) an amount to be determined by DGS to initiate the purchase of a computerized maintenance management system.

The report shall be submitted by July 1, 2010, and the budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of the report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

Explanation: The General Assembly is concerned that the demand for State facility maintenance and renewal funding far exceeds the State's capacity under the current funding structure to adequately support these programs and ensure that the State's assets are properly maintained. This language restricts the expenditure of funds until DGS develops a proposal to fund critical maintenance and facilities renewal projects. The proposal shall entail adding a square foot assessment charge to the current annual square footage rent calculation for each State-owned facility beginning in fiscal 2012.

### L-DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Budget amendments reduced appropriations under:

### L00A11.11 Capital Appropriation

Reduce special funds in the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation allowance by \$11,814,797 to reflect a \$7,814,000 general obligation bond authorization in the capital budget and the availability of \$4,000,000 of Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation funding since the Installment Purchase Agreements Program is infeasible.

# L00A12.22 MARBIDCO – Next Generation Farmland Acquisition Program Delete the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation's Next Generation Farmland Acquisition Program Funding (which equals a \$675,000 reduction in special fund appropriations). There is not anticipated to be any agricultural transfer tax revenue available to support this program after the allocation to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund. A budget amendment may be processed if sufficient revenues are available.

A budget amendment added the following language to the special fund appropriation under:

### L00A15.04 Resource Conservation Grants

Provided that when expenditures or encumbrances for the Cover Crop Program may be charged to either Bay Restoration Funds or Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund, spending shall be charged to Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund revenues before Bay Restoration Funds are charged. It is the intent of the General Assembly that appropriations for the Cover Crop Program exhaust all Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund revenues before using any revenues from the Bay Restoration Fund.

Further provided that any Bay Restoration Funds that remain unexpended for the Cover Crop Program as of June 1, 2011, may not be expended for any other purpose except for enhanced nutrient removal PAYGO upgrades to wastewater treatment plants. No portion of these unexpended funds may be applied to debt service. The Governor is authorized to process a budget amendment to transfer remaining Bay Restoration Funds from the Maryland Department of Agriculture to the Maryland Department of the Environment. Funds not transferred to the Maryland Department of the Environment may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be cancelled.

Authorization to expend reimbursable funds received from the Department of Natural Resources for the Cover Crop Program is reduced by \$8,245,048.

Explanation: This action expresses the intent that all of the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund revenues received in Resource Conservation Grants for cover crops be expended on cover crops before the Bay Restoration Fund revenues are used for cover crops. In addition, any Bay Restoration Fund revenues not expended for cover crops by June 1, 2011, may only be transferred to the Maryland Department of the Environment to be used only for wastewater treatment plant PAYGO upgrades to enhanced nutrient removal technology. The

funding is not allowed to be used for debt service on bonds issued for wastewater treatment plant upgrades.

The BayStat agencies anticipate requesting a special fund budget amendment after the 2010 session and before the start of fiscal 2011 in order to allocate the revenues from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund. Therefore, this reimbursable fund appropriation for the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Resource Conservation Grants is unnecessary.

#### Committee Narratives

Easement Monitoring Compliance Report: The committees are concerned about the status of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation's (MALPF) easement monitoring due to multiple audit findings citing the lack of procedures for ensuring that required annual inspections of easement properties are performed. MALPF has two inspection policies: (1) the Board of Trustees policy for inspections of State-funded purchases; and (2) the federal grant agreement policy for federal-funded purchases. MALPF submitted a report indicating that for fiscal 2009 the State easement monitoring policy goal was met, and the federal policy almost was met. By December 1, 2010, MALPF shall submit a report on the current status of its compliance with the Board of Trustees and federal grant agreement inspection policies, including a summary of the policies and procedures put in place by MALPF to ensure full compliance with both inspection policies.

Soil Conservation District Field Personnel Summary Information: Section 8-405 of the Agriculture Article mandates that the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an amount sufficient to employ not less than 110 field personnel in the soil conservation districts and that the appropriation for fiscal 2011 shall be \$10 million. The committees are concerned that it is difficult to independently verify funding for the 110 soil conservation field personnel and \$10 million funding level for soil conservation district field personnel in the fiscal 2011 allowance. Therefore, the committees request that the Maryland Department of Agriculture include with its fiscal 2012 budget submission information on the fiscal 2010 actual, fiscal 2011 working appropriation, and fiscal 2012 allowance data on the following:

- the number of contractual and regular soil conservation district field personnel positions (defined as soil conservation planner, soil conservation associate, and soil conservation engineering technician positions); and
- the amount of funding budgeted by fund for Comptroller Object 01 expenses directly attributable to field personnel and, separately, operating expenses indirectly associated with field personnel.

### U00A - DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Budget amendments reduced appropriations under:

### U00A04.01 Water Management Administration

Reduce the general appropriation for the Coastal Plain Aquifer Study and Fractured Rock Water Supply Study by \$500,000. The estimated cost is \$18 million over six years, and so a reduction in

funding extends the project timeline. In addition, it is possible that local governments could fund this study.

<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	Amount Reduction
Position	278.50	278.50	
General Fund	13,422,755	12,922,755	500,000
Special Fund	8,699,827	8,699,827	
Federal Fund	6,113,612	6,113,612	
Total Funds	28,236,194	27,736,194	500,000

### U00A05.01 Science Services Administration

Reduce general funds for Total Maximum Daily Load by \$500,000. There is approximately \$1,000,000 in prior year funding encumbered for this purpose. The prior year encumbered funding could be used to replace the general fund reduction.

<u>Effect</u>	Allowance	<u>Appropriation</u>	Amount Reduction
Position	92	92	
General Fund	5,939,005	5,439,005	500,000
Special Fund	1,179,564	1,179,564	
Federal Fund	5,748,230	5,748,230	
Total Funds	12,866,799	12,866,799	500,000

### U00A10.01 Coordinating Offices

Delete \$1,000,000 in operation and maintenance special funding for wastewater treatment plants upgraded to enhanced nutrient removal technology. The agency is required to use up to 10% of the annual fee revenue from wastewater treatment plant users for this purpose. However, the draft January 2010 Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee report notes that one option to reduce the funding gap for upgrading the State's 67 major wastewater treatment plants to enhanced nutrient removal technology would be to discontinue the annual operation and maintenance grants. This action executes that option for fiscal 2011 and reduces operation and maintenance funding for approximately 14 wastewater treatment plants.

### Committee Narratives

Funding the Bay Restoration Fund Deficit: It is the intent of the committees that the Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee work in consultation with the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Department of Budget and Management during the 2010 legislative interim on a plan to eliminate the \$659 million deficit for funding the upgrade of the State's 67 major wastewater treatment plants to enhanced nutrient removal technology. In addition, it is the intent of the committees that this funding plan be implemented during the 2011 legislative session.

Report on Strategic Energy Investment Fund Expenditures: The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) receives funding from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund that is deposited into the Maryland Clean Air Fund. The committees are concerned that the revenues from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund – the sale of carbon dioxide allowances – is subject to uncertainty and year-to-year variability despite the need for MDE to recoup the costs of managing Maryland's role in the quarterly carbon dioxide allowance auctions and the expenses associated with implementing Chapters 171 and 172 of 2009. In addition, the committees are

concerned that it is not clear how the revenues received from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund are being used. Therefore, the committees request a report on how MDE is using the revenues from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to further climate change work, in general, and to meet the requirements of Chapters 171 and 172. The report is requested to cover the fiscal 2010 actual, fiscal 2011 working, and fiscal 2012 allowance funding period.

### W10A - DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

Committee Narrative

Helicopter Maintenance Study: The 2009 Joint Chairmen's Report directed the Department of State Police (DSP) to conduct a review of all helicopter maintenance options and to submit a report to the budget committees by October 2009. In order to respond to the committee narrative, DSP plans to develop a maintenance request for proposal (RFP) and to solicit bids for maintaining the fleet. Upon receipt of the proposals, DSP plans to compare the cost of maintaining the fleet internally to that of commercial providers. However, issuing an RFP prior to the procurement award for the new Medevac fleet would be premature as certain pertinent information (e.g., the make and model of the new aircraft) would be unavailable for inclusion in the maintenance RFP. Such information is vital when determining the maintenance requirements and costs of the fleet. In light of the ongoing Medevac procurement, the budget committees request that the helicopter maintenance study be submitted on October 1, 2010.

### **SECTIONS**

Note: Only new or significantly altered budget section language are listed below.

### Section 18 Furlough Reductions

Funding for regular and contractual salaries shall be reduced by \$108,113,494 to reflect furlough and temporary salary reduction savings in fiscal 2011.

Explanation: This section includes all fund sources to the Administration's schedule for the reductions resulting from a furlough of State employees in fiscal 2011. Reductions for the Judiciary and Legislature are also included.

### Section 41 Chesapeake Bay Restoration Expenditures

\$500,000 of the General Fund appropriation for DBM and \$500,000 of the General Fund appropriation for DNR made for the purpose of general operating expenses may not be expended until DBM and DNR provide two reports on Chesapeake Bay restoration spending. The reports shall be drafted subject to the concurrence of the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) in terms of both electronic format to be used and data to be included. The scope of the reports is as follows:

(1) Chesapeake Bay restoration expenditures by agency, fund type, and particular fund source based on programs that have over 50% of their activities directly related to Chesapeake Bay restoration for the fiscal 2010 actual, fiscal 2011 working appropriation, and fiscal 2012 allowance, which is to be included as an appendix in the fiscal 2012 budget volumes and submitted electronically in disaggregated form to DLS; and

(2) two-year milestone funding over the fiscal 2009 to 2012 time period by fund type and particular fund source for each best management practice along with the associated nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment reductions as they relate to meeting the respective two-year milestone, which is to be submitted electronically to DLS at the time of the fiscal 2012 State budget submission.

The budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment upon the receipt of each report. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

### Section 44 **Position Abolitions**

The Governor shall abolish 500 regular full-time equivalent positions from the Executive Branch during fiscal 2011, and the funding for salaries shall be reduced by \$12,000,000 in general funds related to these abolitions. The abolitions shall occur on or before June 30, 2011, and an accounting of the abolished positions shall be noted in Appendix E of the fiscal 2012 budget submission. The Governor is authorized to promote these position abolitions through attrition by offering financial inducements that encourage voluntary separation, provided that any inducements are disbursed from within existing agency resources.

# Section 45 **Prohibiting Statewide Office Candidates from Appearing in State Funded Advertising**

Before January 10, 2011, no State funds, including any State funds appropriated to any local jurisdiction or municipality, may be expended for development, production, or distribution to the public of promotional or informational materials on behalf of State programs through billboard, magazine, newspaper, electronic, radio, or television media which bear the likeness or voice, or include the name, of a person who has filed a certificate of candidacy for statewide office with the State Board of Elections for an election to occur in calendar year 2010.

### Section 46 Homeland Security Spending

On or before October 1, 2010, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security shall submit a written report, subject to Section 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly. The report shall include the following information for fiscal 2009, fiscal 2010, and estimated for fiscal 2011:

- (1) specific spending for purposes related to homeland security by agency and by funding source;
- (2) information on pass-through funding made available to local jurisdictions by jurisdiction and funding sources;
- (3) the uses to which these funds have been put at the State level;
- (4) restrictions, contingencies, and any applicable expiration dates for funds made available through the federal government; and
- (5) a breakdown of the Office of Homeland Security's share of the Governor's Office budget regardless of funding source.

### Section 47 Report on Renewable Energy Policy on Agricultural Easements

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Energy Administration, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, submit a report to the House

Environmental Matters Committee; the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee; the House Appropriations Committee; and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee by December 1, 2010, on policy recommendations for allowing Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation easement holders to implement solar or wind renewable energy generation projects that may assist in contributing to the State's renewable energy goal of 20% by 2022. The committees shall have 45 days to review and comment following receipt of the report.

### Section 48 Report on Marcellus Shale Policy on Agricultural Easements

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Department of Agriculture and Department of Natural Resources submit a report to the House Environmental Matters Committee; the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee; the House Appropriations Committee; and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee by December 1, 2010, on policy recommendations for allowing Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and Rural Legacy Program easement holders to extract natural gas from the Marcellus Shale formation. The committees shall have 45 days to review and comment following receipt of the report.

### Section 50 **Electricity Savings**

On or before July 1, 2010, the Governor shall develop a schedule to allocate a reduction of \$2,800,000 in general funds for electricity (Comptroller subobject 0620) across all Executive Branch agencies.

# CAPITAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Department of Natural Resources' fiscal year 2011 capital budget appropriation totals \$137.1 million, including general obligation (GO) bonds, pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) funds, and federal funds. PAYGO cash transferred to the general fund was mostly replaced with some form of bonding in both the capital budget and through the BRFA. The legislature GO bond funded:

- \$2.5 million for Community Parks and Playgrounds;
- \$16,953,500 for the Rural Legacy Program;
- \$10,126,000 for the Natural Resources Development Fund;
- \$6,585,000 for the Critical Maintenance Program; and
- \$150,000 for the Dam Rehabilitation Program.

Program Open Space was funded with \$65,183,500 in GO bonds, \$1.5 million in PAYGO special funds, and \$14,262,274 in federal funds. Of this total, local-side POS grants will total \$12.4 million in fiscal 2011, which represents a \$6.2 million increase from the prior year. In addition, Baltimore City will receive a \$2.9 million special POS grant. The GO bond POS authorization includes \$5 million to partially replace the fiscal 2011 allocation of \$10 million of transfer tax for Program Open Space Stateside transferred to the general fund in the BRFA of 2010. A separate provision provides a pre-authorization in the amount of \$5 million for the 2011 session to provide the remainder of the replacement funding.

The Ocean City Beach Replenishment Fund was funded with \$6,459,000 in GO bonds and \$1 million in federal funds. This reflects the full replacement of local and stateside transfer tax allocations and local participation funds available in the Ocean City Beach Replenishment Fund transferred to the general fund in the BRFA of 2010.

The Waterway Improvement Fund was funded with \$10,192,000 in GO bonds, \$1,066,000 with PAYGO special funds, and \$1 million in federal funds. The GO bond funds reflect the partial replacement of available unexpended fund balance transferred to the general fund in the BRFA of 2010. A total of \$16.4 million is transferred to the general fund with \$10.2 million of GO bond fund replacement in fiscal 2011 and another \$6.3 million of GO bond replacement programmed for fiscal 2012 in the 2010 CIP.

The 2010 Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan pre-authorized \$1.65 million in GO bond funding in fiscal year 2011 for the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park via the Natural Resources Development Fund.

As a result of committee narrative and budget amendments contained in the <u>Joint Chairmen's Report</u>, one report of interest to DNR is the requirement for the Maryland Department of Environment to submit a memorandum of understanding outlining the cost sharing agreement between Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, and the federal government regarding the Blue Plains wastewater treatment by December 1, 2010.

Pertinent excerpts from the Joint Chairmen's Report are included below.

### K-DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
\$28,272,000	- \$11,318,500	\$16,953,500

KA05D **Program Open Space** \$65,183,500 Provide funds for the purchase of conservation easements and acquisition of land, and to make grants to local jurisdictions for the purchase of conservation easements and acquisition of land, and development of recreational facilities. Funds appropriated for local grants shall be administered in accordance with §§ 5-905 through 5-906 of the Natural Resources Article.

(1) Program Open Space – Stateside – FY2011 Allocation...... 5,006,500

<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
\$70,190,000	-\$5,006,500	\$65,183,500

Explanation: The fiscal 2011 authorization for Program Open Space includes replacement funds for two types of transfers to the general fund: prior year fund balance and fiscal 2011 transfer tax allocation. The prior year fund balance transfers include the following programs: POS Local (\$41,789,000), and POS State (\$2,967,000). The fiscal 2011 transfer tax allocation transfers include the following programs: POS Local (\$12,352,000), POS State land acquisition (\$10,013,000), Heritage Conservation Fund (\$1,669,000), and Baltimore City Direct Grant (\$1,400,000). This action reduces by \$5,006,500 a portion of the \$10,013,000 of POS State land acquisition fiscal 2011 transfer tax allocation replacement funding. A separate action pre-authorizes \$5,006,500 in general obligation bond authorization for POS State land acquisition for the 2011 session. The language clarifies the use of the funds for local grants.

### OTHER ITEMS OF DNR INTEREST IN THE JOINT CHAIRMEN'S REPORT - CAPITAL SECTION

### LA11 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

LA11A Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program ....... \$ 17,814,000 The fiscal 2011 authorization for the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation includes \$10,000,000 to replace prior year fund balance transferred to the general fund and \$11,814,000 to replace fiscal 2011 transfer tax allocation transferred to the general fund. This action reduces by \$4,000,000 the \$11,814,000 fiscal 2011 transfer tax allocation replacement to reflect the availability of Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation funding since the Installment Purchase Agreements Program is infeasible.

 Allowance
 Change
 Authorization

 \$21,814,000
 -\$4,000,000
 \$17,814,000

 Allowance
 Change
 Authorization

 \$12,500,000
 -\$2,500,000
 \$10,000,000

### UA01 – DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Committee Narrative

Blue Plains Cost Sharing Memorandum of Understanding: The budget committees are concerned that the Maryland Department of the Environment is providing planning funding for the Blue Plains wastewater treatment plant upgrade to enhanced nutrient removal technology despite a projected annual deficit of \$123 million in the Bay Restoration Fund – Wastewater Program beginning in fiscal 2012. Additionally, the committees are concerned that an overall cost sharing agreement between Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, and the federal government has yet to be signed. Therefore, the committees request that MDE work with the District of Columbia, Virginia, and the federal government on a comprehensive memorandum of understanding outlining a cost sharing agreement for full funding of the Blue Plains project.

### Budget Amendment

(1) Charles County Water Supply System. Notwithstanding §§ 9-420 through 9-426 of the Environment Article and any regulations issued in accordance with the specified Sections, \$1,000,000 of these funds shall be used to provide a grant to Charles County for the purpose of construction, development, and testing of a well or wells that currently relies on the Lower Patapsco Aquifer. The construction, development, and testing of the wells and use of the water shall conform to requirements and be subject to the approval of the Maryland Department of the Environment. The water shall be for users located in a Priority Funding Area approved by the Department of Planning and included in the Charles County water and sewer plan approved by MDE (Charles County).

Allowance	<u>Change</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,500,000

Explanation: This action adds funds to the Department of the Environment's Water Supply Financial Assistance Program to fund construction, development, and testing of water supply wells by Charles County.

### **ZA00 - MISCELLANEOUS GRANT PROGRAMS**

Explanation: This action provides a matching fund grant to the County Commissioners of Washington County to assist in the repairs of Devil's Backbone Dam. The Maryland Department of the Environment is preparing to issue an administrative order to require repair of the dam due to its current unsafe condition.

### CHAPTER 445 OF THE ACTS OF 2005

**Budget Amendments** 

### **Department of Natural Resources**

KA05 Capital Grants and Loans Administration

Community Parks and Playgrounds. Provide funds for grants to local governments to design and construct eligible projects (Statewide). Further provided that [\$4,000,000] \$3,900,000 of this appropriation may only be used to provide grants for the following projects.............

(6) North County Park, provide a [\$100,000] **\$0** grant for planning and design of a park to be located in the northern section of Baltimore County (Baltimore County)

Explanation: This action de-authorizes funding for the North County Park project included by the General Assembly as a specified use of authorizations in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan (MCCBL) of 2005. Funding for this project in the amount of \$100,000 has been included in the allocation of local initiative projects in the MCCBL of 2010.

### UB00 Maryland Environmental Service

Infrastructure Improvement Fund. Provide funds to design, construct and equip capital improvements for State institutions. Expenditures for any of the following projects may not exceed the amount listed below by more than 7.5% without notification to the General Assembly. Funds may only be spent on the projects listed below or on previously authorized projects. Expenditure of any part of this appropriation for a previously authorized project shall also require notification to the General Assembly .....[3,147,000]

2,816,000 2,832,000

Explanation: This action amends a de-authorization included in the fiscal 2011 budget as introduced to correct a technical error in the total amount de-authorized.

### CHAPTER 485 OF THE ACTS OF 2009

Budget Amendment

### **Department of Natural Resources**

KA05 Capital Grants and Loans Administration

Explanation: Federal funds have been made available to partially fund a land acquisition funded with general obligation bond funds in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2009. This action de-authorizes \$5 million of 2009 session authorizations to reflect the available funds.

### **SECTION 12**

### **Budget Amendments**

(B) <b>Program Open Space.</b> Provide funds for the purchase of conservation easements and
acquisition of land, and to make grants to local jurisdictions for the purchase of conservation
easements and acquisition of land, and development of recreational facilities. Funds
appropriated for local grants shall be administered in accordance with §§ 5-905 through 5-906 of
the Natural Resources Article
(1) Program Open Space – Local – Prior Funds Replacement
(2) Program Open Space – Stateside – Prior Funds Replacement 5,006,500

(C) Rural Legacy Program. Provide funds for the purchase of conservation easements and acquisition of land. The funds appropriated for this purpose shall be administered in accordance with §§ 5-9A-01 through 5-9A-09 of the Natural Resources Article ................................6,318,500

Explanation: This language provides a pre-authorization for the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan (MCCBL) of 2011 for the partial replacement of the local share of Program Open Space (POS) fund balance transferred to the general fund in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) of 2010. A total of \$103,113,000 of unexpended fund balance from local POS accounts is transferred in the BRFA of 2010, with \$41,789,000 as proposed partial replacement in the MCCBL of 2010. The 2010 Capital Improvement Program includes programmed funding replacement to fully replace the transferred funds with \$29,041,000 programmed for fiscal 2012 and, in a separate action, the remaining \$32,283,000 programmed for fiscal 2013. This language also provides a pre-authorization for the final installment to fully replace the \$5,006,500 stateside share of Program Open Space transferred to the general fund in the BRFA of 2010 and a pre-authorization of \$6,318,500 for the final installment to fully replace Rural Legacy Program funds transferred to the general fund in the BRFA of 2010.

### WA01 – **Department of State Police**

Explanation: This language provides a pre-authorization for the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 for the procurement of new helicopters used by the Department of State Police for Medevac and other law enforcement missions.

### **SECTION 13**

Budget Amendments

### Department of Natural Resources

KA05 Capital Grants and Loans Administration

- Explanation: This language provides a pre-authorization for the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan (MCCBL) of 2012 for the partial replacement of the local share of Program Open Space (POS) fund balance transferred to the general fund in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) of 2010. A total of \$103,113,000 of unexpended fund balance from local POS accounts is transferred in the BRFA of 2010, with \$41,789,000 as proposed partial replacement in the MCCBL of 2010. The 2010 Capital Improvement Program includes programmed funding replacement to fully replace the transferred funds with \$29,041,000 programmed for fiscal 2012, in a separate action, and the remaining \$32,283,000 programmed for fiscal 2013.

# ADMINISTRATION ENVIRONMENTAL BILLS

Senate Bill 277 / House Bill 471 (Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Solar Energy) increases the percentage requirements of Maryland's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard that must be obtained from Tier 1 solar energy sources each year between 2011 and 2016; increases alternative compliance payments to 40 cents for 2011 through 2014 and 35 cents from 2014 through 2016; and establishes additional reporting requirements for the Public Service Commission.

<u>Senate Bill 278</u> / <u>House Bill 474</u> (<u>Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission</u>) establishes the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission charged with:

- assessing the progress of State, regional, and local planning;
- making recommendations on the adequacy, coordination, and implementation of funding mechanisms and other State assistance for planning activities, and infrastructure and land preservation needs;
- promoting planning coordination and inter-jurisdictional cooperation;
- advising on the content, preparation, and implementation of the State development, transportation, and housing plans;
- promoting and making recommendations regarding model regulations to achieve the goals of the State economic growth, resource protection, and planning policy;
- evaluating the viability and effectiveness of State and local government smart growth indicators and recommending changes to those indicators;
- reviewing reports on adequate public facilities submitted by local governments;
- developing and assisting with smart growth educational and outreach programs;
- periodically reviewing educational requirements for members of planning boards and commissions and boards of appeals;
- recommending changes in State law, regulations, policies, and procedures necessary to achieve State planning goals; and
- serving as an advisory board to the Smart Growth Subcabinet.

The Secretary (or designee) of Natural Resources serves as an ex-officio member, along with the Secretaries of Planning, Environment, Transportation, Housing and Community Development, Business and Economic Development, and Agriculture. The Maryland Department of Planning staffs the Commission, which expires on December 31, 2020, and must submit an annual report to the Governor and Maryland General Assembly.

Senate Bill 281 / House Bill 469 (Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - Tax Credit For Electric Vehicles) establishes a tax credit against the motor vehicle titling tax in an amount equal to 100% of the tax imposed for the purchase of qualified plug-in electric vehicles, not to exceed \$2,000. The credit is limited to one vehicle per individual and ten vehicles per business entity. The credit is available for vehicles purchased between October 1, 2010 and June 30, 2013.

Senate Bill 285 / House Bill 475 (The Sustainable Communities Act of 2010) reestablishes the Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program as the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program, alters the program's requirements, and extends its termination date to fiscal 2014. The tax credit for commercial rehabilitations that meet energy efficiency standards is increased to 25% of the

project's value. The legislation makes several changes to the Community Legacy and Neighborhood Business Development Programs. The legislation also increases membership of the Smart Growth Subcabinet by adding the Secretaries of Health and Mental Hygiene; Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; and Director of the Maryland Energy Administration.

Senate Bill 287 / House Bill 464 (Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act of 2010) extends the termination date of the clean energy incentive tax credit to December 31, 2015 and makes the credit refundable. A facility must begin producing qualified energy by January 1, 2016 in order to claim the credit.

## DNR DEPARTMENTAL BILLS

Senate Bill 29 (Department of Natural Resources - Preparation of Fishery Management Plans - Authority) authorized the Department to prepare fishery management plans for any species of fish if, after consultation with the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission, the management plans are necessary based on an assessment of the species' population, distribution, or habitat needs or other biological, ecological, or socioeconomic factors concerning the species. The new law also requires DNR to include information related to overfishing and sustainable harvesting in a fishery management plan if DNR determines that a fishery has been or is currently overfished. However, the Department may waive these requirements under specified conditions. The Act took effect on July 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 69 (Woodland Incentives Program - Prohibition on Use of Federal Funds – Repeal) repealed a condition that WIP applicants not receive or use federal funds for implementation of an approved practice on the same land described in the WIP application. However, owners may not receive a total of state and federal cost-share assistance in an amount that exceeds 100% of the actual cost of the approved practice. The Act took effect on July 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 84 (Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission - Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission - Membership) staggers the membership terms of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission. The new law also adds three members to each of the Commissions, and requires that the composition of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission reflect the geographic regions of the State where the commercial fishing industry operates. The Act took effect July 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 92 (Department of Natural Resources - Boating Safety Requirements) establishes new requirements related to the use of personal flotation devices (PFDs) by children on recreational vessels. Specifically, the Act deletes weight requirements and modifies the definition of "child" from individuals younger than age 7 to individuals younger than age 13, effectively requiring individuals younger than age 13 to wear a PFD while aboard vessels shorter than 21 feet that are underway. As an emergency measure, this portion of the bill became effective immediately upon the Governor's signature on April 13, 2010. Effective October 1, 2010, the new law also requires individuals younger than age 16 who operate a vessel to (1) possess a certificate of boating safety education; (2) be under the supervision of a person who was born before July 1, 1972, and is aboard the vessel; or (3) be under the supervision of a person who has obtained a certificate of boating safety education and is aboard the vessel – if the vessel is 11 feet or longer, the person who is supervising must be at least 18 years old.

Senate Bill 475 / House Bill 1270 (Operating a Vessel While Under the Influence of or Impaired by Alcohol or Drugs – Testing) alters the substantive and procedural provisions related to testing vessel operators to determine impairment from alcohol or drugs. Specifically, the Act establishes that a person who operates or attempts to operate a vessel on State waters is deemed to have consented to take a test to determine alcohol concentration or drug or controlled substance content if the person is detained by a police officer who has reasonable grounds to believe that the person has been operating or attempting to operate a vessel while under the influence of or impaired by alcohol, drugs, or a controlled dangerous substance. The Act authorizes the courts to prohibit a person from operating a vessel on State waters for up to one year if the person refused to take a test

when requested by a police officer or was tested and the result indicated an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more. The new law also requires a vessel operator who is involved in an accident resulting in death or life-threatening injury to another person, and is detained by a police officer, who has reasonable grounds to believe that the person has been operating or attempting to operate a vessel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, to submit to breath and/or blood tests to determine whether the operator is under the influence or impaired by alcohol or drugs. The new law takes effect October 1, 2010.

<u>Senate Bill 541</u> / <u>House Bill 631</u> (<u>Natural Resources - Park Advisory Commission - Membership</u>) expands the membership of the Park Advisory Commission from nine to twelve members, effective June 1, 2010.

House Bill 98 (Department of Natural Resources - Tidal Fish Licenses - Transfer and Suspension) alters the grounds for suspension or revocation of a tidal fish license to include a serious violation of a State or federal commercial fisheries law that results in a conviction or an accepted plea of nolo contendere. The Act prohibits an individual who is convicted of or receives an accepted plea of nolo contendere for a violation of federal or State fisheries law that results in a license suspension from using or receiving temporarily transferred tidal fish licenses during the period of suspension. The Act took effect on July 1, 2010.

House Bill 356 (Forest Product Operators - Standards, Procedures, and Enforcement) authorizes DNR to suspend or revoke a forest product operator's license. The legislation also amends the existing FPO law by requiring license applicants are required to submit applications for a one-year license on DNR-approved forms, demonstrate compliance with specified labor requirements, and pay a license fee. License fee revenue may not exceed the costs of carrying out forest product operator licensing. The legislation takes effect October 1, 2010.

House Bill 647 (Department of Natural Resources - Conservation Service Opportunities - Procurement Exemption) exempts from most aspects of State procurement law any grants, agreements, or partnerships related to conservation service opportunities that are negotiated or entered into by the Department of Natural Resources with nonprofit entities. As an emergency measure, the Act took effect on May 4, 2010 upon the Governor's signature.

House Bill 1345 (Recreational Fishing Licenses - Licensing and Registration) expands the requirement to obtain a recreational tidal fishing license to anglers fishing in State waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Atlantic Coastal Bays and tributaries. The Act modifies the duration, fees, and other terms of existing tidal and non-tidal recreational fishing licenses and creates a new commercial fishing pier license. The length of short term recreational fishing licenses is extended to seven days. The Act establishes a free registration for persons fishing aboard a pleasure boat; waterfront property owners and their immediate family fishing from their property; and individuals fishing in a free fishing area. It further requires these individuals who fish recreationally in tidal waters and who are not required to obtain a license, to register with the Department. Finally, the bill repeals the termination date for specified fishing license fee increases that were enacted in 2007 and scheduled to terminate July 1, 2010. Changes to fishing licenses, which take effect January 1, 2010, were critical to ensure Maryland's compliance with the new National Saltwater Angler Registry established by federal law.

# ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

Senate Bill 3 / House Bill 89 (Environment - Wetlands and Waterways Program Fees – Aquaculture) exempt aquaculture activities permitted by DNR from paying application fees when applying to MDE for wetlands and waterways permits or to BPW for a wetlands license. The legislation also requires the Aquaculture Coordinating Council to submit a report by October 1, 2013 on the status of aquaculture in Maryland and the fiscal impact of the new fee exemption. The new law took effect October 1, 2010.

<u>Senate Bill 59</u> (<u>Agricultural Land Transfer Tax - Distribution and Use of Revenue</u>) repealed provisions requiring \$4 million to be dedicated to MARBIDCO's installment purchase agreement (IPA) program. The legislation reset the distribution of that portion of the agricultural transfer tax to go directly to MALPF for the acquisition of easements. The Act took effect on July 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 60 (Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities – Membership) expands the membership of CEJSC from 15 to 20 members. The additional members include representatives from the departments of Housing and Community Development, Transportation, and Business and Economic Development, as well as 2 additional members appointed by the Governor. The Act took effect October 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 95 (Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Farmland Preservation Partnership Program) authorizes MALPF to establish a Farmland Preservation Partnership Program to preserve productive agricultural and forested lands. MALPF may form partnerships with public and private entities for the purpose of purchasing agricultural preservation easements; however, the partners must cover the full purchase price, which may include administrative costs. Farmland Preservation Partnership Program easements are not subject to MALPF's ranking, valuation, or development restrictions, except as determined by MALPF's Board of Trustees. The Act took effect October 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 234 / House Bill 1044 (High Performance Buildings Act - Applicable to Community College Capital Projects) require that community college capital projects receiving State funds comply with the State's High Performance Building Act and achieve at least a LEED silver rating. Colleges may apply for a waiver from this requirement. The legislation took effect July 2, 2010 and applies to capital projects that have not initiated a request for proposal for the selection of an architectural and engineering consultant on or before July 1, 2011.

Senate Bill 288 / House Bill 320 (Maryland Dormant Mineral Interests Act) create a process for owners of surface rights to terminate dormant mineral interests in order establish a clear title for their property. Specifically, the legislation establishes criteria by which a severed mineral interest in real estate becomes dormant; authorizes the owner of the surface estate to bring an action to terminate the mineral interest; specifies how a mineral interest may be preserved; and governs the disposition of a terminated mineral interest. Where the owner of a mineral interest is missing or unknown, the bill authorizes the appropriate circuit court to place the interest in trust for a period of five years during which time the trustee may lease the minerals to the owner of the surface estate. The Acts took effect on October 1, 2010.

<u>Senate Bill 289</u> / <u>House Bill 245</u> (<u>Allegany County and Garrett County - Turkey Hunting – Sundays</u>) authorize a person to hunt turkey in Allegany and Garrett Counties on the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in May, except if either day is Easter Sunday. Senate Bill 289 took effect on October 1, 2010. House Bill 245 was vetoed by the Governor due to redundancy.

Senate Bill 311 / House Bill 943 (Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program) establish a Chesapeake Conservation Corps grant program within the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The program's projects and activities must meet an identifiable public need, with emphasis on projects that result in long-term preservation, protection, and conservation of the environment, particularly environmental restoration, energy efficiency, and educational improvements. CBT must provide grants to fund the creation or expansion of full and part time corps programs that involve citizens of all ages throughout the State. Eligible organizations include non-profits, schools, community associations, service, youth or civic groups, higher education institutions, counties, municipalities, or a unit of state government. In fiscal 2011 through 2015, \$250,000 annually from the DNR's Environmental Trust Fund must be allocated to CBT for specified energy conservation projects through the Corps Program. Additionally, up to \$250,000 in additional funds must be allocated by CBT through its annual budget process. CBT and the Corps Board, which is established by the legislation to advise CBT in the development and implementation of the program, must also seek federal and private funds for the program. In developing its programs and seeking federal and state grants, CBT and the Corps Board must coordinate all efforts with the Maryland Conservation Corps and the Civic Justice Corps. CBT, in consultation with the Corps Board, must submit a report annually by October 1 to the Governor and the General Assembly. The Acts took effect on July 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 326 / House Bill 487 (State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators - Sunset Extension and Revisions) extend the State Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators until 2021; require an evaluation of the board by July 1, 2020; and require that the board, in conjunction with MDE, submit a report to the General Assembly by October 1, 2011. The board's composition is altered to replace the representative from the Department of Natural Resources with a representative from the Maryland Environmental Service. The Acts took effect on October 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 355 / House Bill 701 & 801 (Electricity - Net Energy Metering - Credits) alter the net energy metering program by changing the way an eligible customer-generator may accrue credits from excess generation from a kilowatt-hour (kWh) basis to a dollar basis. The legislation repeals the requirement that an accrued generation credit expires at the end of a 12-month period and requires that the value of generation credits be based on the prevailing market price of electricity in the PJM Interconnection energy market. It also specifies the conditions under which an electric company must provide payment to an eligible customer-generator for excess generation credits. The PSC must convene a technical working group to address issues relating to pricing mechanisms for different hours and seasons, meter aggregation, and transfer of generation credits or aggregation of generation among separate accounts, and report recommendations back to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee by January 11, 2011.

Senate Bill 361 / House Bill 606 (Local Forest Conservation Funds - Use of Money) repeal the requirement that, at the end of 2 years or 3 growing seasons, unused money in a local forest conservation fund be returned to the person who provided the money for tree planting purposes under the Forest Conservation Act. The legislation took effect October 1, 2010.

<u>Senate Bill 382</u> / <u>House Bill 987</u> (<u>Marine Contractors - Licensure and Regulation - Tidal Wetlands Licenses</u>) establish licenses for marine contractors to be issued by a new Marine Contractors Licensing Board housed within the Maryland Department of Environment. All marine contractors must register with the board by December 31, 2010. Individuals (or the entities they work for) must possess a license prior to performing marine contractor services in Maryland. Marine contractor services includes construction, demolition, installation, alteration, repair, or salvage activities located in, on, over, or under State or private tidal wetlands. Residential and commercial property owners may perform marine contractor services on their own property, if they first obtain the necessary local, State, or federal

authorization. Marine contractors no longer need a contractor license from the Maryland Home Improvement Commission. The Acts took effect October 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 396 (Maryland Estate Tax - Pilot Program for Payment Deferral for Qualified Agricultural Property) allows up to a three year payment deferral of Maryland estate tax imposed on agricultural property that passes from a decedent to or for the use by an individual who enters into an agreement to use the property for farming purposes after the decedent's death. Any deferred tax is due immediately if the property ceases to be used for farming purposes. A maximum of \$375,000 of estate tax payment may be deferred per property. The deferred tax must be paid, without interest, in accordance with a payment schedule prescribed by the Comptroller over a three-year period beginning in the fourth year after the due date. By October 1, 2013, the Comptroller must report to the General Assembly on the estate tax payment deferral and the number of properties approved for tax deferral that apply to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation for preservation. The Act took effect July 1, 2010 and applies to decedents of property owners who passed away after December 31, 2010. The legislation sunsets on June 30, 2014.

Senate Bill 422 / House Bill 1059 (Dorchester County - Choptank River - Soft-Shell Clam Harvesting) increase the time period during which soft-shell clam harvesting with a hydraulic dredge or any other gear except hand-held tools may occur in a portion of the Choptank River in Dorchester County by removing the statutory prohibition for hydraulic dredge use 30 days before opening date of wild waterfowl hunting season until the closing date. The Acts took effect on July 1, 2010.

<u>Senate Bill 466</u> / <u>House Bill 445</u> (<u>Vehicle Laws - Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles – Titling</u>) require off-highway recreational vehicles purchased on and after October 1, 2010 to be titled via the Motor Vehicle Administration and subject to an excise tax unless a sales and use tax is collected at the time of purchase.

Senate Bill 494 / House Bill 988 (Regulation of For-Hire Water Carriers) transfer authority for licensing for-hire water carriers from the Public Service Commission to the Department of Natural Resources. A "for-hire water carrier" is a vessel used to transport passengers between points along State waters or for sightseeing and touring in State waters in exchange for remuneration. Prior to registering a vessel, for-hire water carriers must show, to DNR's satisfaction, that they hold an insurance policy or a bond in an amount that is required of a motor vehicle carrying the same number of passengers in accordance with specified PSC regulations. DNR is authorized to adopt implementing regulations and encouraged to make these regulations apply the same insurance and bonding rates that are currently applied under specified PSC regulations. The Acts took effect October 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 509 / House Bill 667 (Vehicle Laws - Exceptional Hauling Permits - Validity in Select Eastern Shore Counties) authorize the State Highway Administration to issue exceptional hauling permits to forest product transport vehicles used in Dorchester, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties. The permits allow heavier loads to be hauled in these counties subject to the required use of a sixth axle to help redistribute the load. The Acts took effect October 1, 2010.

<u>Senate Bill 529</u> / <u>House Bill 821</u> (<u>Net Energy Metering - Fuel Cell</u>) add fuel cell power systems to the types of electricity generation eligible for net metering, effective October 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 531 / House Bill 907 (Civil Actions - Limitation of Actions - Land Surveyors) reduce the statute of repose for lawsuits related to errors in a land survey from 15 to 10 years after the survey, or within 3 years after the discovery of the error, whichever occurs first. The legislation took effect October 1, 2010.

<u>Senate Bill 556</u> (<u>Decabrominated Diphenyl Ether – Prohibitions</u>) phases out the manufacture, lease, sale, and distribution of products containing decaBDE in Maryland by December 31, 2013.

Senate Bill 602 / House Bill 674 (High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes - Use by Plug-In Vehicles) authorize a plug-in vehicle affixed with a State permit designating it as such to use HOV lanes, regardless of the number of passengers in the vehicle, effective October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2013.

Senate Bill 660 / House Bill 989 (State Personnel - Natural Resources Law Enforcement Officers - Appointment to Major or Lieutenant Colonel) authorize the Secretary of Natural Resources to appoint without examination a DNR law enforcement officer (LEO) who holds a commissioned rank to the rank of major; and a DNR LEO who holds a commissioned rank of not less than captain to the rank of lieutenant colonel. These appointed LEOs serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. Upon termination of an appointment, the Secretary may return the LEO to a vacant LEO position or promote the LEO to a higher rank to which the LEO became eligible for promotion during the appointment. The Acts took effect October 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 693 / House Bill 1164 (Green Maryland Act of 2010) promote the use of environmentally preferable purchasing throughout State government. Under the new law at least 90% of all the paper purchased by the Department of General Services must contain at least 80% post consumer waste (recycled). Each State agency must report its procurement of recycled materials to the Maryland Department of Environment annually by September 1. State public land managers must give preference to the use of compost in any land maintenance activity paid for with public funds. By December 1, 2010, DGS must also report on the use of compost as fertilizer on DGS maintained State property, establish a goal to compost all landscape waste on State property, and increase the percentage of landscaped property that is fertilized by compost annually. The legislation creates a Maryland Green Purchasing Committee charged with developing a strategy for environmentally preferable purchasing, a best practices manual with green purchasing guidelines (by April 1, 2011), and policies to increase energy efficiency in State buildings and computer servers, among other things. The Secretary of Natural Resources or his/her designee serves on the Committee. The Committee shall report to the General Assembly by October 1 annually. The Acts took effect October 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 760 / House Bill 1155 (Consolidated Transportation Program - Evaluation and Selection of Proposed Capital Projects) alter the process under which the Maryland Department of Transportation evaluates and selects capital projects to be included in the construction program of the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). A government agency that requests a major capital project for inclusion in the CTP must submit a document discussing the need for the project and how the project addresses the State's transportation and climate action plan goals and supports local government land use plans. The Smart Growth Subcabinet must conduct an annual review of transportation goals, benchmarks, and indicators. The State's climate plan action goals must be considered when establishing the State's transportation goals, benchmarks, and indicators. The Acts took effect October 1, 2010.

<u>Senate Bill 775</u> / <u>House Bill 903</u> (<u>Transportation - Road Salt Management - Best Practices</u> <u>Guidance</u>) require the State Highway Administration, in consultation with the Maryland Department of the Environment, to develop a road salt management best practices guidance document by October 1, 2011 (and update it annually), for use by local jurisdictions and the State to minimize the adverse environmental impacts of road salt runoff.

Senate Bill 791 (Procurement - Multi-Year Contracts for Renewable Energy - Termination Clauses) authorizes the Board of Public Works, on the recommendation of DGS, to waive the statutory requirement for a mandatory termination clause for a multi-year State contract to procure renewable energy for the State. In considering whether to grant a waiver, BPW must consider the effects of its decision on the ability of an energy vendor to obtain financing for the renewable energy generation project. The Act took effect October 1, 2010.

<u>Senate Bill 847 (Hunting Licenses - Exemption for Disabled Armed Forces Members)</u> authorizes any person serving in the U.S. armed forces who has a service-connected disability and possesses valid military identification while hunting on private property to hunt without a hunting license, bow and arrow deer stamp, black powder deer stamp, or bonus antlered deer stamp. The Act took effect July 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 882 / House Bill 1077 (Gaming - Video Lottery Terminals) make numerous clarifying and technical changes regarding the implementation of video lottery terminals (VLT) in the State. The bill repeals a requirement that a permanent VLT facility in Allegany County must be physically separate from the Rocky Gap Lodge and Golf Resort, and instead provides that the facility must be in a separate building that may be adjacent or connected to the lodge. VLTs may temporarily be located in the lodge until a permanent facility is constructed. Subject to approval by the State Lottery Commission and the Video Lottery Facility Location Commission, an individual or business entity may enter into a management agreement to operate a VLT facility in Allegany County that the individual or business entity does not own. The Acts took effect June 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 914 / House Bill 1352 (Forest Conservation Fund - Contribution Rates - Priority Funding Areas) alter the rates for contributions to the State Forest Conservation Fund and local forest conservation funds by establishing higher rates for projects located outside priority funding areas (PFAs). Project applicants paying into the State Forest Conservation Fund must pay 30 cents per square foot of the area of required planting for a project inside a PFA and 36 cents per square foot of the area of required planting for a project outside a PFA. After September 30, 2014, project applicants paying into the State or local fund must pay at a rate adjusted for inflation for a project inside a PFA and 20% higher for a project outside a PFA. Local jurisdictions with contribution rates higher than the minimum State contribution rate may use a rate for projects inside a PFA that is 20% lower than the rate for projects outside a PFA; however, they must still meet at least the State contribution rates. Local jurisdictions with contribution rates higher than the minimum State contribution rate may use a rate for projects outside a PFA that is 20% higher than the rate for projects inside a PFA. The legislation took effect October 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 978 / House Bill 851 (Talbot County - Deer Hunting on Private Property - Sundays) authorize deer hunting on private property with a bow and arrow on the last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in November in Talbot County. The Acts took effect October 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 987 (Conservation Law Enforcement Act of 2010) requires the Department of Natural Resources to issue a limited number of commemorative lifetime hunting licenses to nonprofit organizations until December 31, 2011. Nonprofit organizations may market and sell the licenses; however any proceeds must be allocated to the Natural Resources Police for conservation law enforcement. DNR must identify changes to existing law that may enable the NRP to become more effective and efficient, including a study of the benefits of requiring the use of technology for the prevention and detection of violations by December 1, 2010. By October 1, 2011, DNR must also study funding policies that may bolster NRPs' ranks. The Act took effect June 1, 2010.

<u>Senate Bill 1020</u> / <u>House Bill 295</u> (<u>Incidental Taking Permit for Endangered Puritan Tiger Beetle – Requirements</u>) require the Secretary of Natural Resources to issue a permit for the "incidental taking" of the endangered puritan tiger beetle under specified conditions. As an emergency measure, the legislation took effect April 13, 2010.

Senate Bill 1043 / House Bill 1472 / House Bill 686 (Hunting Wild Waterfowl - Dorchester, St. Mary's, Somerset, and Wicomico Counties) add the waters of St. Mary's County, Tangier Sound, Fishing Bay, Monie Bay, Manokin River, Big Annemessex River, Pocomoke Sound, and Kedges Straights in the waters of Dorchester, Somerset, and Wicomico Counties to the list of waters with an offshore waterfowl hunting zone of 400 yards from shore. The Acts took effect October 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 1117 (Environment - Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund and Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund) aims to address the long-term funding needs of Maryland's oil pollution programs by: increasing the fee assessed on oil transferred into the State until July 1, 2013 (from 3 cents per barrel to 5.75 cents per barrel); and making fund transfers and authorization changes to the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund and the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund. The legislation is anticipated to generate an additional \$2.9 million in special fund revenues in fiscal 2011 due to the fee increase. The Act took effect July 1, 2010.

State Wetlands - Working Marinas) authorize the Board of Public Works to issue a tidal wetlands license to expand a marina that historically operated as a working marina for the sole purpose of supporting aquaculture or seafood operations and located in an area where expansion would currently be prohibited. The Act does not apply to marinas that allow recreational vessel dockage or storage. The license may be issued and authorize dredging only if the applicant has obtained local planning or zoning authorization, an aquaculture lease, a water column lease, and a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As an emergency measure, the Acts took effect May 4, 2010.

House Bill 62 (Environment - Payment of Cost Differential - Nitrogen Removal Technology) requires the Maryland Department of Environment to provide funding to a homeowner that is required replace a failing system on property in the Critical Area for the entire cost difference between a conventional septic system and one utilizing best available technology for nitrogen removal. For calendar years 2010 through 2012, the funding shall come from the Bay Restoration Fund. The Act took effect October 1, 2010.

House Bill 68 (Department of the Environment - Grants - Small Businesses and Certified Minority Business Enterprises) requires recipients of grants over \$500,000 from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Nonpoint Source Fund within MDE to take steps to include small, minority-owned, and women-owned businesses in the participation of funded projects. The Act took effect October 1, 2010.

House Bill 72 (Department of the Environment - Oil and Gas Production Permits – Fees) establishes an Oil and Gas Fund to support MDE's administration of a regulatory program that oversees the drilling, development, production, and storage of oil and gas wells in Maryland. The legislation requires MDE to set and collect permit and production fees, the revenues from which are limited to the amount necessary to implement the program. Beginning November 1, 2010, MDE must annually report to the General Assembly on the status of the fund and regulatory program. The Act took effect July 1, 2010.

House Bill 73 (Environment - Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund - Use of Funds) expands the authorized uses of the Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund to include providing assistance authorized or required under the federal Water Pollution Control Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, and other federal acts and appropriations. The legislation enables MDE to qualify for additional federal funding of an estimated \$49 million in fiscal 2012 and \$47 million in fiscal 2013. The Act took effect October 1, 2010.

House Bill 218 (Oysters - Dredge Devices) repeals the prohibition against possessing or using a devil catcher, devil diver, or similar device on a dredge boat. The Act took effect July 1, 2010.

House Bill 224 (Plumbing - Greywater Recycling) prohibits a county from adopting or enforcing a provision of a local plumbing code that prohibits a greywater recycling system, as authorized under the State plumbing code. Greywater is used, untreated water generated by washing machines, showers, and bathtubs, but not water from toilets, kitchen sinks, or dishwashers. The Act took effect October 1, 2010.

<u>House Bill 246 (Allegany County and Garrett County - Deer Hunting on Private Property - Sundays)</u> authorizes deer hunting on private property with a bow and arrow during open season on the last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in November in Allegany and Garrett Counties, effective October 1, 2010.

House Bill 282 (Transportation Projects - Bicycle and Pedestrian Access - Funding and Reporting) requires the Maryland Department of Transportation to update the Statewide 20-year Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan each year that the Maryland Transportation Plan is revised. In developing its Consolidated Transportation Program, MDOT must ensure an appropriate balance between funding for new highway construction projects and projects that retrofit existing transportation projects with facilities for pedestrians and bicycle riders; and place increased emphasis, in transitoriented areas within priority funding areas (PFAs), on projects that retrofit existing transportation projects with additional facilities and accessibility for pedestrians and bicycle riders. The Act took effect October 1, 2010.

House Bill 301 (Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County - Deer Hunting on Private Property - Sundays) authorizes deer hunting on private property with a bow and arrow during open season on the last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in November in Calvert and Charles Counties, and allows the use of a crossbow in all authorized counties on these Sundays. The legislation also authorizes a person in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties to hunt deer on private property on the first Sunday of the bow hunting season in November and each Sunday in the deer firearms season. The Act took effect October 1, 2010.

House Bill 420 (Secretary of Agriculture - Mosquito Control - Enforcement Authority) authorizes the Maryland Department of Agriculture to order mosquito habitat abatement if, in cooperation with the local health authority, MDA finds that a person is causing or allowing mosquitoes to breed or develop on any property in a manner that may pose a threat to public health. MDA may bring an action against someone who fails to comply with the abatement order. The legislation also establishes injunction standards and criminal penalties for failing to comply with an order. The Act took effect October 1, 2010.

House Bill 527 (Abandoned Vessel – Definition) reduces the length of time, from 90 days to 30 days, that a vessel must remain at a private dock or at or near waters' edge on private property without consent in order to be declared abandoned. The Act took effect October 1, 2010.

House Bill 685 (Fluorescent and Compact Fluorescent Light Recycling - County Plans) requires a county's recycling plan, by October 1, 2011, to address a strategy for collecting and recycling fluorescent and compact fluorescent lights that contain mercury.

House Bill 689 (POWs and Disabled Veterans - Exception to Trout Stamp Requirement) exempts individuals who hold lifetime complimentary angler's licenses and are service-disabled veterans or former prisoners of war from the requirement to purchase a trout stamp in order to catch or possess trout in non-tidal State waters. The Act took effect October 1, 2010.

House Bill 786 (State Highway Administration - Sidewalk or Bicycle Pathway Construction in Priority Funding Areas) requires the State Highway Administration to categorize a sidewalk or bicycle pathway construction project as "system preservation" and give the project funding priority if: it is located in a priority funding area; the adjacent roadway is not being concurrently constructed or reconstructed; and SHA determines a substantial public safety risk or significant impediment to pedestrian access exists. The Act took effect June 1, 2010.

House Bill 974 (Nutrient Trading - Voluntary Agricultural Nutrient Credit Certification Program) authorizes the Maryland Department of Agriculture to verify, certify, register, and revoke nutrient credits on agricultural land. The Act took effect June 1, 2010.

House Bill 982 (Solid Waste Management - Recycling and Source Reduction - Study) requires MDE, in consultation with local governments, waste haulers, material resource facilities, and other affected parties, to conduct a study to evaluate solid waste management processes that reduce the solid waste stream through recycling and source reduction. MDE must submit an interim report to the General Assembly by December 15, 2010, and a final report by December 15, 2011.

House Bill 1062 (Property Tax Credit - Urban Agricultural Property) authorizes local governments to grant a property tax credit for urban agricultural property - real property of at least one eighth of an acre and not more than two acres in size; located in a priority funding area; and used exclusively for urban agricultural purposes. The Act took effect June 1, 2010.

House Bill 1425 (Department of the Environment - Consolidation and Administration of Environmental Funds) consolidates the Sewage Sludge Utilization Fund into the Maryland Clean Water Fund, effective July 1, 2010.

House Bill 1508 (Environment - Coal Combustion By-Products - Disposal and Non-coal Mine Reclamation Sites) prohibits MDE from the issuing a permit to install a new refuse disposal system that accepts coal combustion by-products for disposal or a new non-coal mine reclamation site that uses such by-products if the site would be located in the Critical Area. The Act took effect October 1, 2010.

House Bill 1512 (Frederick County - Archery Hunting - Safety Zone) reduces the archery hunting safety zone in Frederick County from 150 yards to 50 yards from a building or camp occupied by human beings, effective October 1, 2010.

## STATE & LOCAL BILLS

Senate Bill 36 / House Bill 45 (Dorchester County - Bay Restoration Fee - Lien Against Property) establishes that an unpaid Bay Restoration Fee on property in Dorchester County is a lien against the property served by a wastewater facility, onsite sewage disposal system, or holding tank; and requires a notice of lien to be recorded in the land records. The legislation took effect October 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 152 (Harford County - Sheriff's Office - Power to Enforce Noise Control Laws) authorizes the Maryland Department of Environment to delegate enforcement of noise control laws to Harford County's Sheriff, with the exception of hunting related noises. The Act took effect June 1, 2010.

<u>Senate Bill 164</u> / <u>House Bill 346</u> (<u>Advisory Committee on the Naming of State Facilities</u>, <u>Roads</u>, <u>and Bridges – Repeal</u>) repeal the Advisory Committee on the Naming of State Facilities and Bridges, which was responsible for considering and evaluating requests to name State facilities.

Senate Bill 319 / House Bill 915 (African American Heritage Preservation Program) establish an African American Heritage Preservation Program to identify and preserve buildings, communities, and sites of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in Maryland. Beginning in fiscal 2012, the Governor must include \$1.0 million in the annual capital budget submission for program grant projects.

Senate Bill 925 / House Bill 1112 (Carroll County - Green Building Tax Credit) expand Carroll County's green building tax credit to include property on which a person installs environmentally friendly or "green" technologies such as those that conserve water, incorporate recycled or recyclable materials, and incorporate renewable and energy efficient power generation. The legislation took effect June 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 979 / House Bill 1370 (Public-Private Partnerships – Oversight) define a public-private partnership as a sale or lease agreement between a unit of State government or the Maryland Transportation Authority and a private entity under which the private entity: assumes control of the operation and maintenance of an existing state facility; or constructs, reconstructs, finances, or operates a state facility or a facility for state use and will collect fees, charges, rents, or tolls for the use of the facility. The legislation requires State entities to report to the State Treasurer, Department of Legislative Services, and various committees of the General Assembly at lease 45 days prior to issuing a public notice of solicitation for a public-private partnership. The legislation mandates additional reporting requirements for the Maryland Transportation Authority and Department of General Services. The legislation took effect June 1, 2010.

Senate Bill 1067 (Task Force on Solar Hot Water Systems in Prince George's County) establishes the Task Force on Solar Hot Water Systems in Prince George's County to study the development of a business plan to achieve substantial use of solar hot water systems in a way that saves money for Prince George's County residents and businesses and that reduces carbon emissions. The Task Force expires on December 31, 2010 and must report its recommendations to the General Assembly and Prince George's County elected officials by that date.

House Bill 275 (State Employees - Employee Performance Appraisals - Revisions) alters the performance appraisal process for employees in the State Personnel Management System by no longer requiring employees to prepare a self assessment and eliminating the exceeds standards, meets standards, and needs improvement performance ratings. Additionally, anonymous surveys may be used to evaluate the performance of managers or supervisors only if more than five employees are assigned to the manager or supervisor. The Act took effect July 1, 2010.

House Bill 459 (State Licensing Agencies - Justification Statements Required for Fee Increases Proposed by Regulations) requires units of state government, when adopting by regulation increases or decreases in fees for licenses to practice any business activity or professional license to submit to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review information explaining or justifying the reasons for the proposed fee increase or decrease, and actions taken by the agency to solicit feedback from individuals affected by the fee change along with specific additional information. The Act took effect October 1, 2010.

House Bill 678 (Frederick County - Pay-As-You-Throw Pilot Program) authorizes Frederick County to establish a pay-as-you-throw pilot program where a solid waste hauler charges a residential customer a fee for the curbside collection of solid waste based on the volume of waste collected. The legislation took effect October 1, 2010.

House Bill 1109 (Caroline County - Bay Restoration Fee - Lien Against Property) establishes that an unpaid Bay Restoration Fee on property in Caroline County is a lien against the property served by a wastewater facility, onsite sewage disposal system, or holding tank; and requires a notice of lien to be recorded in the land records. The Act took effect October 1, 2010.

House Bill 1042 (State Government - Disclosure of Personal Information on Websites – Prohibition) beginning June 1, 2010, units of State government, including State courts, are prohibited, to the extent practicable, from publicly posting or displaying on an internet website maintained or paid for by state government or in a deed an individual's personal information such as a social security or driver's license number.

House Bill 1464 (Land Bank Authorities - Establishment by Municipal Corporations) allows municipalities to create a land bank authority that may acquire, rehabilitate, own, and sell or transfer properties. Though a land bank authority may establish a land acquisition fund and issue bonds for the purchase and rehabilitation of properties, it does not have power of eminent domain and cannot levy any tax or special assessment. The Act took effect October 1, 2010.

House Bill 1481 (Montgomery County - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Lease, Contract, or Agreement) is emergency legislation which prohibits, in Montgomery County, a lease, contract, or agreement entered into by M-NCPPC from containing a provision that authorizes a person other than M-NCPPC to close a park or park facility.

## ITEMS REQUIRING DNR ACTION

#### **LEGISLATION**

Senate Bill 3 / House Bill 89 Wetlands and Waterways Program Fees - Aquaculture

Action Item: Report to MDE and the General Assembly on the status of aquaculture in

Maryland and the fiscal impact of the wetlands permit and license fee

exemption for aquaculture.

Staff: Aquaculture Coordinating Council

Due Date: October 1, 2013

Senate Bill 69 Woodland Incentives Program - Prohibition on Use of Federal Funds -

Repeal

Amend DNR regulations, permit application form, website and other WIP Action Items:

promotional materials to conform to the new law.

Staff: Maryland Forest Service

Due Date: July 1, 2010

Senate Bill 84 <u>Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission - Sport Fisheries Advisory</u>

<u>Commission – Membership</u>

Recommend at least three names for SFAC and at least three names for TFAC Action Items:

to the Governor's Appointments Office. By June 2011 which 5 TFAC

members whose terms began on July 22, 2009 will expire on June 30, 2011. By June 2011 recommend to the Governor's Appointments Office which 6 SFAC members whose terms began on July 20, 2009 shall expire on June 30, 2011.

Staff: Maryland Fisheries Service & Joe Gill

Due Date: June 2010 & June 2011

Senate Bill 92 **Boating Safety Requirements** 

Action Items: Notify Natural Resources Police officers and county marine units of the

> change and enforcement procedures. Update DNR's website and do appropriate outreach to marinas and the boating community. Issue press release reminding boaters about the new boating safety education certificate

age requirements.

Staff: Natural Resources Police & DNR Boating Services

Due Date: October 1, 2010

Senate Bill 475 Operating a Vessel While Under the Influence of or Impaired by Alcohol

or Drugs - Testing

Educate officers on new law. Action Item:

Staff: Natural Resources Police

Due Date: September 2010

## Senate Bill 494 / House Bill 988 Regulation of For-Hire Water Carriers

Action Item: Draft regulations to implement, update forms, send letter to for-hire-water

carriers (in coordination with PSC) notifying them of the change.

Staff:

Licensing & Registration

Due Date:

October 2010

## Senate Bill 541 / House Bill 631 Park Advisory Commission - Membership

Action Item:

Recommend at least three names to the Governor's Appointments Office.

Staff:

Maryland Park Service & Joe Gill

Due Date:

May 2010

## Senate Bill 914 / House Bill 1352 Forest Conservation Fund - Contribution Rates - Priority Funding Areas

Action Items:

Update regulations as needed to implement and notify local governments.

Staff:

Forest Service

Due Date:

October 2010 & August 2014

## Senate Bill 987 Conservation Law Enforcement Act of 2010

Action Item:

Issue a limited number of commemorative lifetime hunting licenses to

nonprofit organizations.

Staff:

Wildlife & Licensing

Due Date:

December 31, 2011

Action Item:

Identify changes to existing law that may enable the NRP to become more effective and efficient, including a study of the benefits of requiring the use of technology for the prevention and detection of violations, and report to the

Senate EHEA and House Environmental Matters Committees.

Staff:

Natural Resources Police & Joe Gill

Due Date:

December 1, 2010

Action Item:

Study funding policies that may bolster NRPs' ranks and report to the Senate

EHEA and House Environmental Matters Committees.

Staff:

Natural Resources Police & Joe Gill

Due Date:

October 1, 2011

#### House Bill 98 <u>Tidal Fish Licenses - Transfer and Suspension</u>

Action Item:

Update penalty system regulations to implement.

Staff:

Maryland Fisheries Service

Due Date:

Fall 2010

## House Bill 356 Forest Product Operators - Standards, Procedures, and Enforcement

Action Items:

Amend DNR regulations and permit application form to conform implement.

Staff:

Maryland Forest Service

Due Date:

October 2010

#### House Bill 1345 Recreational Fishing Licenses - Licensing and Registration

Action Items: Outreach to recreational anglers and license agents on the fishing license

changes. Draft regulations to implement. Update websites and license forms. Notify Natural Resources Police officers of the new license requirements and

enforcement procedures.

Staff: Maryland Fisheries Service, DNR Licensing & Registration Unit, Natural

Resources Police

Due Date: December 2010

## **BUDGET AMENDMENTS / NARRATIVE**

Below are reporting requirements as a result of budget committees' narrative in the <u>Joint Chairmen's Report</u> (JCR). Following a listing of these required reports are instructions for submission of reports.

Action Item: Report on evaluation of deer hunting opportunities on public lands in

Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties.

Reference: JCR Operating Budget Committee Narrative (page 4 of this report)

Staff: Wildlife Service

Due Date: December 1, 2010

Action Item: Report on furbearer management.

Reference: JCR Operating Budget Committee Narrative (page 5 of this report)

Staff: Wildlife Service & MDA, in consultation with the Maryland Legislative

Sportsmen's Foundation

<u>Due Date:</u> December 1, 2010

Action Item: Report on historical Chesapeake Bay stream water quality.

Reference: JCR Operating Budget Committee Narrative (page 6 of this report)

Staff: Resource Assessment Service

Statt. Resource Assessment Service

Due Date: December 1, 2010

Action Item: Report on Marcellus Shale extraction on MALPF and Rural Legacy easement

properties.

Reference: JCR Operating Budget Committee Narrative (page 14 of this report)

Staff: Land Acquisition & Planning and MDA

<u>Due Date:</u> December 1, 2010

Action Item: Report on regulations concerning deer hunting in Calvert, Charles, and St.

Mary's Counties.

Reference: JCR Operating Budget Committee Narrative (page 5 of this report)

Staff: Wildlife Service

Due Date: January 1, 2011

Action Item: Report on Chesapeake Bay restoration expenditures and funding for two-

year milestones.

Reference: JCR Operating Budget Committee Narrative (page 6 of this report)
Staff: Watershed Services, Financial and Administrative Services, & DBM

<u>Due Date:</u> Submitted with Governor's fiscal 2012 budget.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONDING TO REPORT REQUESTS

If the deadlines outlined below are for some reason unable to be met for a statutory or JCR report requirement, the assigned DNR unit must notify DNR's Legislative Director and their Assistant Secretary as soon as possible.

<u>Internal DNR Review:</u> Final draft reports must be submitted to the appropriate DNR Assistant Secretary and DNR's Legislative Director, Olivia Campbell Andersen no later than 3.5 weeks prior to the report's statutory due date. DNR's Legislative Director will then submit the final draft report to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary for final internal approval.

**DBM** and Governor's Legislative Office Initial Review: As has been the administrative policy for many years, both the Department of Budget and Management and the Governor's Legislative Office must have an opportunity to review these reports prior to submission to the General Assembly or external distribution to stakeholders or other interested persons. To assure appropriate review, DNR's Legislative Director will submit your draft report at least ten working days before the report is due to the GLO and the appropriate DBM budget analyst.

## **Budget Committees and DLS Submission:**

Restricted Appropriations: Where all or a portion of an appropriation is restricted, approval to release restricted funds should be requested from the budget committees, with a copy sent to the agency's budget analyst at the Department of Legislative Services (Andrew Gray). Each request should include a cover letter addressed to the budget committee chairs and should identify the agency, the amount restricted, the fund source, and should specifically note that the release of restricted funds is being requested. Failure to copy the DLS analyst may result in delays in processing release of fund requests.

**Submission Procedures:** All agency reports and studies submitted in response to committee narrative or budget bill language will be submitted by DNR's Legislative Assistant, Eileen Mosley, in electronic form (pdf only) and hard copy.

- The naming for each item should include the session year of the JCR, the page in the JCR in which the item appears, an agency abbreviation, and the title of the report (e.g., 2010\_p95\_DNR\_Dredging Report). Electronic copies will be sent via email only to Cathy.Kramer@mlis.state.md.us. DLS will distribute electronic copies to the Office of Policy Analysis staff and members of the budget committees. Electronic documents should be submitted in PDF format and compatible with Adobe Acrobat 8. If files to be emailed are larger than 10 MB, they cannot be sent via email. David Juppe (David.Juppe@mlis.state.md.us) will provide instructions for posting large files on the DLS FTP site.
- Per Section 2-1246 of the State Government Article, five hard copies should be mailed to the legislative library:

Sarah Albert DLS Library and Information Services 90 State Circle Annapolis, Md. 21401-1991 **Requesting an Extension:** If a time extension for any item is needed, please notify DNR's Legislative Director, Olivia Campbell Andersen as soon as possible so that the Department can send correspondence indicating why an extension is needed (and the anticipated submission date) to the Governor's Legislative Office, appropriate committee chairmen, Cathy Kramer, and the DLS analyst.

# FAILED BILLS

The legislation listed below failed to pass during the 2010 session of the Maryland General Assembly. These bills were either not given consideration by their assigned committee, received an unfavorable committee report, were killed on the Senate or House floor, or were withdrawn by the sponsor. Failed bills are listed in the order of Senate bill numbers and corresponding House crossfile first, and then House bill numbers.

<u>SJ 6</u>	House - Unfavorable House Rules and Executive Nominations  Earth Hour
<u>HJ 9</u>	House - Unfavorable House Rules and Executive Nominations  Earth Hour
<u>SB 5</u>	House - First Reading Judiciary Public Safety - Task Force on SWAT Team Activation and Deployment
<u>SB 8</u>	Senate - Withdrawn Education Health and Environmental Affairs
<u>HB 36</u>	Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Payments to Contractors House - Withdrawn Environmental Matters Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Payments to Contractors
<b>SB 20</b>	Senate - Recommit to Committee Education Health and Environmental Affairs Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Authorized Uses
<u>SB 23</u>	Senate - Withdrawn Finance Energy Companies - Net Energy Metering - Credit Transfers
<u>SB 33</u>	Senate - Unfavorable Education Health and Environmental Affairs Natural Resources - Right to Hunt, Fish, and Harvest Wild Game
<u>SB 35</u>	Senate - Withdrawn Education Health and Environmental Affairs
<u>HB 46</u>	Department of Natural Resources - State Boat Act - Auctioneers House - Unfavorable Environmental Matters
	Department of Natural Resources - State Boat Act - Auctioneers
<u>SB 37</u>	Senate - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs  Department of Natural Resources - Oysters - Patent Tongs and Power  Dredges
<u>SB 48</u>	Senate - Withdrawn Education Health and Environmental Affairs
<u>HB 23</u>	Talbot County - Knapps Narrows - Speed Limit House - Withdrawn Environmental Matters Talbot County - Knapps Narrows - Speed Limit
<u>SB 50</u>	Senate - Withdrawn Finance Electric Companies - Net Energy Metering

SB 63	Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation Transit-Oriented Development - Pledge and Use of Tax Increment Revenues - Operations and Maintenance Funding
<u>SB 65</u>	Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation  Maryland Veterans Trust Fund - Income Tax Checkoff
<u>SB 70</u>	Senate - Special Order  Department of Natural Resources - Vessel Noise - Limitation
<u>SB 133</u>	Senate - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs  Commission to Study Streamlining and Increasing the Efficiency of the
<u>HB 920</u>	Procurement Process  House - Withdrawn Health and Government Operations  Commission to Study Streamlining and Increasing the Efficiency of the  Procurement Process
<u>SB 155</u>	Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation  Maryland Estate Tax - Exclusion for Family Farm Subject to Agricultural  Preservation Easements
<u>HB 160</u>	House - First Reading Ways and Means  Maryland Estate Tax - Exclusion for Family Farm Subject to Agricultural  Preservation Easements
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<u>SB 228</u>	Senate - Unfavorable Education Health and Environmental Affairs  Environment - Incinerator Permits - Conditions for Issuance
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<u>SB 513</u>	House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations Natural Resources - No-Discharge Designation for Maryland Waters - Reports
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<u>SB 653</u>	Senate - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs  Environment - Coal Combustion By-Products - Minimum Standards - Beneficial Uses
<u>HB 1467</u>	Senate - Re-referred Education Health and Environmental Affairs  Environment - Coal Combustion By-Products - Minimum Standards - Beneficial Uses
<u>SB 656</u>	Senate - Unfavorable Education Health and Environmental Affairs  Energy Performance Ratings - State, County, and Municipal Buildings
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<u>SB 673</u>	Senate - Withdrawn Education Health and Environmental Affairs Natural Resources - Hand-Launched Vessels - Statewide Pass
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